



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1962-FFS-D

**DATE:** November 26, 2018

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Indian Health Services (IHS), Screening Centers, Maternal Health, and Public Health

**APPLIES TO:** Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Current Dental Terminology (CDT) D1354

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

The CDT code D1354 was revised in January 2018 to clarify a “per tooth” descriptor to the nomenclature. Below is the revision as developed by the American Dental Association:

D1354 – Interim caries arresting medicament application – **per tooth**

*Conservative treatment of an active, non-symptomatic carious lesion by topical application of a caries arresting or inhibiting medicament and without mechanical removal of sound tooth structure.*

As a result of this change, the IME will make the following programming edits, effective immediately, to reflect how this code will be reimbursed:

- D1354 billed on a dental claim form should be billed once per service line that also lists the tooth number (or letter)
- D1354 billed on a medical claim form does not require a tooth number (one service line can be billed with multiple units)
- Reimbursement will be \$3.58 per tooth
- Limit of 4 teeth per date of service for dentists (does not apply to Screening Centers, Maternal Health, or Public Health)
- No age limitation for recipients
- Allowed twice per year per tooth (no required number of days between applications)
- Restorations placed within 90 days of D1354 are denied if completed by the **same** dentist. However, a dentist that places a restoration after a **different** dentist has billed D1354 will not be denied payment for the restoration
- D1354 applied by Screening Centers, Maternal Health, or Public Health providers will not cause any reduction of payment for a dentist placing a restoration within 3 months

While CDT D1354 is not limited to just silver diamine fluoride, a rule change regarding the application of silver diamine fluoride by dental hygienists working under public health supervision has been approved by the Iowa Administrative Rules Committee. This stipulates that hygienists working under public health supervision (along with the supervising dentist) must first complete Iowa Dental Board-approved training about the use of silver diamine fluoride.

The Iowa Department of Public Health and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry have worked collaboratively to create a helpful resource, [\*"Silver Diamine Fluoride \(SDF\) Facts and Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride \(SDF\)"\*](#)<sup>1</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>1</sup> [http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/222/Silver%20Diamine%20Fluoride%20Protocol\\_IDPH\\_8\\_2018.pdf](http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/222/Silver%20Diamine%20Fluoride%20Protocol_IDPH_8_2018.pdf)